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Middle East Partnership Initiative



*Announces the*

**MEPI Student Leaders Program 2017  
(English Programs)**

The Student Leaders program is an intensive six-week exchange program to the United States for approximately 120 undergraduate students from the Middle East and North Africa. Students are sent to U.S. academic institutions where they develop leadership skills and expand their understanding of civil society. Each academic program will address common themes including: a comparative analysis of leadership styles; consensus-building, conflict resolution, individual and collective problem-solving, and group dynamics; the role of civil society; public speaking; and job-seeking skills. The program will run from June 25 to August 05, 2017 in the United States and will include coursework/trainings as well as field visits to complement and reinforce the concepts explored in the academic residency. All students are expected to travel to the United States unaccompanied.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

The program is open to undergraduate students who:

- ✓ Are Algerian citizens living and attending school in Algeria
- ✓ Are aged between 20 and 24 years old as of June 1, 2017
- ✓ Are undergraduate or 1<sup>st</sup> year master degree students
- ✓ Are proficient in English
- ✓ Have sustained a high level of academic achievement, as indicated by grades, awards, and teacher recommendations
- ✓ Have no prior study or travel experience in the United States
- ✓ Have commitment to civic engagement
- ✓ Are comfortable spending part of Ramadan and Eid 2017 in the United States

For more information about the Middle East Partnership Initiative, please go to: [www.mepi.state.gov](http://www.mepi.state.gov).



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## HOW TO APPLY?

Interested applicants for the MEPI Student Leaders Program must **apply ONLINE**:

- ✓ Online application form link: <https://studentleaders.fluidreview.com/>
- ✓ The online application form includes the candidate's response, in 500 words or less, to each of the following questions:

-- Write about a problem currently affecting your community. If it were within your abilities, how would you work to solve this problem?

-- What are the qualities of an effective leader? Name one leader living today whom you admire and explain why.

**Deadline for submitting the application is January 17th, 2017.**

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